Miller ‘Has No Orders’ on Troop Reduction in Afghanistan

Miller says Afghanistan suffers the most from the conflict and that it is the time «to end hostilities and start talking to one another».

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7 Thousand Metric Tons of Citrus Fruit Harvested from Nangarhar Fields

KABUL - The local officials in eastern Nangarhar province are saying that around one thousand metric tons of citrus fruit have been harvested from citrus fruit fields in the province. The officials are optimists that more citrus fruits would be harvested from the newly established fields in coming years. Provincial director of agricultural and livestock Noorullah Sabawoon said around 60 varieties of citrus fruits are being studied in the research farm in a bid to boost the harvest of the fruit during the upcoming years. He also added that the employees of the directorate are being trained in a workshop to help with the establishment of more citrus fruit fields and further increase the harvest of the fruit. Sabawoon further added that the employees would be professionally trained during the workshops.

PESHAWAR - The planned pullout of nearly 7,000 US troops from Afghanistan has sparked a demand of Talibans, said Pakistan’s foreign minister, Shah Mahmood Qureshi welcomed President Donald Trump’s initiative to withdraw half of US troops from Afghanistan, saying that the decision was good for peace talks. While highlighting recent US-Taliban talks in Abu Dhabi, the minister told reporters in Multan Pakistan was taking part in peace talks with Afghans without any conditions. Qureshi said Pakistan had released several Taliban fighters in an attempt to make the political atmosphere in the region conducive to the dialogue between the US and the Taliban. Islamabad was facilitating the dialogue that could be restored to Afghans, he said, and added that Pakistan twice visited Kabul to shore up talks.

US Pullout from Afghanistan: Pakistan’s Fredline

KABUL - Pakistani Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi on Sunday announced initial results of the October 20-21 US-Pakistan talks from eastern Nangarhar province. Fourteen candidates, including four women, have found their way to the vote, the National Media Alliance said in a statement last week. The statement said the Islamic Republic of Iran has always been and will remain a strong supporter of Afghanistan’s territorial integrity and national unity. "Government should pay serious attention to the matter of water," said Sohdaba, a Kabul resident. There are 213,000 wells in Kabul city. The ANDMA figures show "Four to five years ago, Kabul’s underground water level was high and the access to water was easy, but now, it is difficult to have access to underground water. The government-owned water supply services are active three to four hours daily while it was active 24/7 four years ago," said Speed Ali, a Kabul resident. "In some areas, people pay high prices for water," said Schabia, a Kabul resident. Other residents said the problem requires a serious attention by government. "Government should pay serious attention to this issue and should mobilize it as soon as possible," said Khalidullah, a Kabul resident. ANDMA’s, "(More on P.4)"

Kunduz City: A Public Order Police commander who was killed and five of his subordinates were wounded in a Taliban attack in northern Kunduz province on Sunday, an official said. Lt. Col. Zabit, administrative chief for Kunduz district, said Pajhwok Afghan News the militant assault took place in the Chaharot area of the district this morning. He said the militants also attacked the vehicle of POP Commander Lt. Col Shah Tawoos. He added Tawoos was "wounded in the leg."